



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-26671-2025

NAVNEET AGGARWAL

...PETITIONER

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

Date of decision: 15.01.2026

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Sanjay Kaushal, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. A.P. Setia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. B.K. Mehta, Advocate
for the complainant (Through VC).

SUMEET GOEL, J.

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No. 59 dated 17.04.2025, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 305 (a), 329 (3), 318 (4), 351 (3), 296, 62, 190, 191 (2), 61 of BNS at Police Station Dakha, District Ludhiana Rural.

2. On 15.05.2025, the following order was passed:-

“By way of present petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under: -

<i>FIR No.</i>	<i>Dated</i>	<i>Sections</i>	<i>Police Station</i>
59	17.04.2025	305 (a), 329 (3), 318 (4), 351 (3), 296, 62, 190, 191 (2), 61 of BNS	Dakha, District Ludhiana Rural

2. *It is, inter alia, contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He contends that the genesis of the dispute is the alleged passage which is not part of the sale deed (Annexure P-3) executed by daughter of the petitioner in favour of the complainant. He further contends that no alleged occurrence has ever took place. The alleged dispute, inter se, is at the most a civil dispute not attracting the registration of the FIR which had been got registered just to harass the petitioner. Hence, the present petition.*
3. *Notice of motion.*
4. *On the asking of the Court, Mr. Jatinder Pal Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to file the status report/reply.*
5. *Mr. Kartikeya Swaroop Mehta, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of complainant to assist the State counsel and filed power of attorney, which is taken on record.*
6. *In the meanwhile, the arrest of petitioner shall remain stayed till next date of hearing.*
7. *List on 22.05.2025.”*

3. On 03.07.2025, the following order was passed:-

“Reiterating the submissions made on 15.05.2025; learned senior counsel for the petitioner has iterated that the FIR has genesis in a civil dispute, no effective recovery is to be made from the petitioner & the petitioner is willing to join the investigation and cooperate therein.

At this stage, learned State counsel (assisted by learned counsel for the complainant) has vehemently opposed the grant of interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that the allegations made against the petitioner are serious in nature and that, in case interim/anticipatory bail is extended to the petitioner, he is likely to influence the witnesses as also the investigation.

Adjourned to 29.07.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 07.07.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the



investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

4. The matter was referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court; however, the mediation proceedings could not be fructified.

5. Learned State counsel, on instructions, has stated that pursuant to the order dated 15.05.2025 and 03.07.2025 the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

6. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that the allegations raised against the petitioner are direct/serious in nature and hence he ought not to be extended the concession of anticipatory bail. He has further iterated that in case the petitioner is extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all the likelihood that he may interfere with the investigation as also intimidate the investigation/witnesses.

7. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand; especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated therein and is no longer required by the State for further custodial interrogation, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 03.07.2025 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

8. Ordered accordingly.

9. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be

confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

10. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

11. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

12. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

15.01.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No